

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/690,863

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments received May 3, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-9, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date June 30, 2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth H. Ohriner on June 30, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 9 has been replaced with the following:

A pushback rack storage system, comprising: a pair of spaced apart pallet support rails; a cart including a pair of spaced apart side rails adapted to support a pallet, each side rail including a first wheel located adjacent to a first end of the side rail, and a second wheel located between a second end and a midpoint of the side rail; wherein the second wheels are rollable along the support rails up to a back end of the support rails, such that the side rails extend by about 30% to 45% of their length beyond the back ends of the support rails when the second wheels are rolled up against the back ends of the support rails; wherein each of the second wheels is located closer to the midpoint of the side rail to which it is attached than to the second end of the side rail, wherein the midpoint is between, and equally spaced apart from, the first end of the side rail and the second end of the side rail.

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- Claim 15 has been canceled.
- Claim 17 has been replaced with the following:

A pushback rack storage system, comprising: a pair of spaced apart support rails; a cart including a pair of spaced apart side rails, each side rail including a first wheel adjacent to a first end of the side rail, and a second wheel between a second end of the side rail and a midpoint of the side rail, wherein the midpoint is between, and equally spaced apart from, the first end of the side rail and the second end of the side rail; with the second wheel at a position that is from 55% to 90% of the distance from the second end of the side rail to the midpoint of the side rail; wherein the second wheels are rollable along the support rails up to a second end of each of the support rails, such that the second ends of the side rails extend beyond the second ends of the support rails when the second wheels are rolled up against the second ends of the support rails.

- Claim 18 has been canceled.

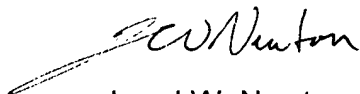
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared W. Newton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2952. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

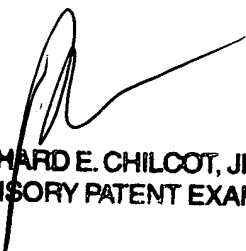
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on (571) 272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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